

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SENATE BILL 24

Senate Natural Resources and Energy Committee

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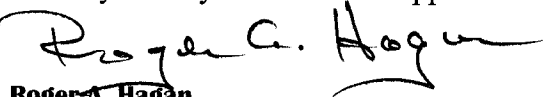
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Chairman Lind and members of the committee, for the record my name is Roger A. Hagan. I represent the Montana Trail Vehicle Riders Association (MTVRA). I am out of town today and thank the committee for the opportunity to provide this written testimony. Our members oppose Senate Bill 24, which prohibits the sale of two-stroke marine engines and watercraft. While our Association's membership is comprised of Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) users, many of those members also are avid water sports enthusiasts.

Passage of this bill will place an extreme burden on their ability to transfer ownership of their watercraft after October 1, 2007. While two-stroke engine technology is fast becoming obsolete, much of the existing two-stroke marine engine inventory will continue providing entertainment to our users for years to come. Many of our members cannot afford to purchase the newer four-stroke engines. With passage of this bill, our members will have no choice but to abandon their water sport activities or expend a great amount of money bringing their equipment into compliance by purchasing new watercraft of the four-stroke variety.

Our Association urges you 'do not pass' Senate Bill 24. Again, I wish to thank the Senate Natural Resources and Energy Committee for the opportunity to provide this testimony. Thank you for your time and support.



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